



April 7, 2026

Dear Chair Novotny, Chair Moller, and Members of the House Public Safety Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HF 4700 (Stier), which is being heard in the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee on Wednesday. Metro Cities supports this bill.

Metro Cities supports state funding for local public safety training costs including the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund. Law enforcement agencies throughout the metropolitan region value the availability of courses that address use of force, crisis response, conflict management, and cultural diversity. Metro Cities supports the additional \$3 million appropriated to the POST Board in this bill for training reimbursement in FY 2027 and the \$3 million increase to the Philando Castile Memorial Training Fund's base appropriation.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Lund'.

Mike Lund
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